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1. Ho Chi Minh is in close contact with the international Communist Party leadership and is the chief Communist leader in Southeast Asia. He exercises the highest authority in the Viet Minh regime and enjoys great personal prestige. He is personally responsible for major military decisions. [redacted]
2. Dang Kuan Khue\*, Vo Nguyen Giap, Commander-in-Chief of the Viet Minh Army, and Pham Van Dong, Vice Premier of the Ho Chi Minh Government, rank next in importance to Ho Chi Minh in the Viet Minh regime. Vo Nguyen Giap and Le Gian\*, head of the Viet Minh Security Services, are Ho Chi Minh's most trusted advisers. In addition to those listed above, the Viet Minh Tong Bo includes Hoang Quoc Viet (Ha Da Cang)\*, Nguyen Van Ninh, and Ha Huy Giap\*.
3. At present there is no serious discord between the upper echelon Communist leaders of the Viet Minh. In the event of the death of Ho Chi Minh, however, personal jealousies would create a state of confusion; Nguyen Binh, Commander of Viet Minh troops in South Viet Nam, Nguyen Son\*, Tran Van Giau\*, and Nguyen Khanh Toan\* would possibly try to become "Titos" in Viet Nam. Rivalry and corruption are much more prevalent on the zone level and below than on the higher levels of Viet Minh leadership.
4. High echelon Communist leaders of the Viet Minh look upon the Chinese Communists as saviours and consider MAO Tse-tung a hero. All of the Viet Minh leaders hope for increased arms aid and economic and technical support from the Chinese. None of the major Viet Minh officials, however, want the active participation of Chinese Communist troops [redacted]  
[redacted] General Nguyen Son and General Le Thiet Hung (Nguyen Thiet Hung) particularly fear the entrance of Chinese Communist troops.

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\* Comment. The current positions and recent references to these individuals are listed below:

Dang Xuan Khu. President of the Cultural Association for Marxist Studies and member of the preparatory committee of the Soviet-Viet Nam Friendship Association.

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Le Gian. for background information.

Hoang Quoc Viet. Secretary-General of the Central Committee of the Viet Minh front; Chairman of the Viet Nam Trade Union Federation:

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Ha Huy Giap. Member of the Cultural Association for Marxist Studies.

Nguyen Son. Military leader in Intersector III:

Tran Van Giau. Minister of Information in the Ho Chi Minh Government;

Nguyen Khanh Toan. Vice Minister of Education in the Ho Chi Minh Government;

\*\* Comment. Ho Chi Minh refused an offer of Chinese Communist troops, stating that the only form of assistance he required was arms.

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